

Human Services & Corrections

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ESSB 6217: CHANGING PROVISIONS RELATING TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

Prime Sponsor: Senator Hargrove

- ! Technical and clarifying changes are made to the dependency statute.

ESSB 6218: MAKING TECHNICAL AND CLARIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE FAMILY RECONCILIATION ACT

Prime Sponsor: Senator Hargrove

- ! Technical changes are made to the family reconciliation act.

SSB 6244: EXTENDING JUVENILE COURT JURISDICTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENFORCING PENALTY ASSESSMENTS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Costa

- ! Extends the length of court jurisdiction over a juvenile ordered to pay a victim penalty assessment.
The following provision from SB 6246 was incorporated in SSB 6244:
- ! The triggering event for assessment of the victim penalty assessment is the date of the person's conviction.

ESSB 6305: CHANGING PROVISIONS RELATING TO GUARDIANS AD LITEM

Prime Sponsor: Senator Franklin

- ! A number of statutory provisions governing guardians ad litem (GAL) who represent children or incapacitated adults are amended to implement the recommendations of a task force directed to assess policy concerns related to abuses in the GAL system.

SSB 6336: ELIMINATING RETROACTIVE TOLLING PROVISIONS FOR RESTITUTION/LEGAL FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS AND ALLOWING TOLLING FOR OTHER FORMS OF SUPERVISION

Prime Sponsor: Senator Hargrove

(HB 2511 Representative Ballasiotes)

- ! Restores community supervision and community placement to the self-executing language of the tolling provision.
- ! Offenders who commit crimes after July 1, 2000, are under court jurisdiction for their legal financial obligations until the obligations are completely satisfied.
- ! A child support legal financial obligation for any child born as the result of a child rape is enforceable for either the civil or the criminal enforcement period, whichever ends latter.

SSB 6361: PROTECTING CHILDREN AT THE STATE SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND THE STATE SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND FROM ABUSE AND NEGLECT

Prime Sponsor: Senator Zarelli

- ! Requires the state schools for the deaf and blind to protect the students from abuse and neglect and promote and protect student safety.

- ! Includes training requirements for both new and existing staff. Allows both schools to not accept or retain a student who is an adjudicated sex offender.

SSB 6375: CLARIFYING TIMELINES, INFORMATION SHARING, AND EVIDENTIARY STANDARDS IN MENTAL HEALTH COMPETENCY PROCEDURES

Prime Sponsor: Senator Long

- ! Clarifies when a competency evaluator must include an opinion, whether the defendant should be evaluated for civil commitment, and the timelines for competency restoration and civil commitment evaluation.
- ! Establishes a procedure for a court to determine whether a past conviction, guilty plea, or not guilty by reason of insanity finding was for a crime that was a violent act.

ESSB 6389: EXTENDING JUVENILE COURT JURISDICTION OVER PERMANENCY PLANNING MATTERS IN DEPENDENCY PROCEEDINGS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Stevens

- ! Allows a juvenile court hearing a dependency matter under RCW 13.34 to exercise concurrent jurisdiction over a third party custody matter under RCW 26.10.
- ! This exercise of jurisdiction may occur if it is necessary to implement a permanency plan of care for the child in the dependency matter and the parents and petitioner in the custody action agree.

ESSB 6487: PROVIDING FOR THE RELEASE OF MENTAL HEALTH INFORMATION UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES

Prime Sponsor: Senator Long

(HB 2513 Representative Ballasiotes)

- ! Authorizes mental health providers to share mental health information on offenders with the Department of Corrections (DOC). Limits DOC's disclosure of mental health information on offenders and prohibits DOC from disclosing offenders' mental health information to the public for the purpose of supervising, monitoring and reporting offender behavior to DOC.

ESB 6555: ORDERING A STUDY OF EVALUATIONS OF CHILDREN NEEDING LONG-TERM CARE

Prime Sponsor: Senator Long

- ! Requires the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) to report to the Legislature beginning December 31, 2000, prospectively on the number of children evaluated within the first 30 days of placement for their long term placement needs.
- ! DSHS must refer the to the foster care assessment program the number of children for which they have been funded. If it does not, it must explain to the Legislature why it has not.

SB 6570: PROVIDING ADDITIONAL JUDICIAL AUTHORITY IN TRUANCY PETITIONS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Hargrove

- ! Juvenile courts are authorized to: 1) set minimum school attendance requirements; 2) treat a minor's suspension from school as an unexcused absence; and 3) order a minor who has tested positive to drug or alcohol use, to abstain from further use, at no expense to the minor's school.

SSB 6621: CREATING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE INTERSTATE COMPACT FOR ADULT OFFENDER SUPERVISION

Prime Sponsor: Senator Costa

- ! Creates a task force with broad representation to examine whether adoption of the revised Interstate Compact on Adult Offender Supervision is in the best interests of the state.

SSB 6722: RESTRICTING DISCLOSURE OF UNFOUNDED ALLEGATIONS OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

Prime Sponsor: Senator Hargrove

6722 was incorporated into SHB 2372.

- ! DOC must notify registered victims who are affected by an offender's transfer to another state. *SSB*

ESSB 6761: AUTHORIZING AGREEMENTS FOR THE OPERATION OF CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS IN ANY OTHER STATE

Prime Sponsor: Senator Hargrove;

(HB 2963 Representative Ballasiotes)

- ! The Department of Corrections (DOC) may transfer offenders out of state to both governmental and private facilities and contract with those facilities for housing the offenders when a transfer is in the best interest of the state or the offender.

SHB 2345: REQUIRING THE SECRETARY OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES TO ADOPT RULES FOR OVERSIGHT AND OPERATION OF THE SEXUALLY VIOLENT PREDATOR PROGRAM

Prime Sponsor: Representative O'Brien

(SB 6207 Hargrove)

- ! Grants the secretary of the Department of Social and Health Services specific rulemaking authority for the special commitment center for sexually violent predators.

SHB 2372: REGULATING DETENTION OF CHILDREN WITHIN SECURE FACILITIES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Kagi

- ! Allows courts to confine youth held in contempt in a secure crisis residential center but only if the center is located within a juvenile detention facility.

The following provision from SB 6722 was incorporated into SHB 2372:

- ! Prohibits Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) from releasing unfounded allegations of child abuse or neglect to a child-placing agency, private adoption agency or any other licensed provider.

EHB 2424: CHANGING PROVISIONS TO COMPLY WITH FEDERAL STANDARDS FOR MONITORING SEX OFFENDERS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Ballasiotes (SB 6308 Senator Hargrove)

- ! Responds to federal sex offender registration requirements by requiring quarterly address verification for sexually violent predators, requiring out of state registration within ten days, and prohibiting courts to relieve specified sex offenders from the duty to register.

SHB 2491: PROVIDING A PROCEDURE TO CONDUCT DNA TESTING OF EVIDENCE FOR PERSONS SENTENCED TO DEATH OR LIFE IMPRISONMENT

Prime Sponsor: Representative Schindler (SB 6498 Senator McCaslin)

- ! Persons who have been convicted of life imprisonment or death may make a post conviction request for DNA testing to the County Prosecutor. The person has a right of appeal with the Attorney General's Office.
- ! A prosecutor may file a criminal charge against a person identified by a genetic code, rather than by the individual's name.

HB 2520: CHANGING TERMINOLOGY IN THE RELEASE FROM COMMITMENT OF PERSONS IN MENTAL TREATMENT FACILITIES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Schual-Berke (SB 6439 Senator Long)

- ! This technical act clarifies the distinction between a person's legal status and his or her medical status when the person has been involuntarily committed for mental health treatment.

2SHB 2637: REQUIRING BACKGROUND CHECKS ON PERSONS WHO WILL BE IN CONTACT WITH VULNERABLE ADULTS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Tokuda

- ! The Department of Social and Health Services is required to review criminal background check information for an additional category of state employees who have contact with vulnerable adults.
- ! A 120 day permit for temporary employment is available from the department to persons who clear a state background check, but are waiting for clearance under a federal check.

The following provision from SB 6401 is incorporated into 2SHB 2637:

- ! Fingerprint checks are required for individual providers or home care agency providers who have access to vulnerable adults if they have not lived in state for more than three years.

2SHB 2663: CREATING A PILOT PROGRAM TO PROVIDE ATYPICAL ANTIPSYCHOTIC MEDICATIONS TO UNDERSERVED POPULATIONS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Alexander

- ! The Department of Social and Health services is directed to request proposals that improve access to atypical antipsychotic medications, which are used to treat schizophrenia and other neurological conditions. The proposals shall direct medications to target populations who are utilizing high cost services such as inpatient treatment and incarceration, and to people who do not have available coverage for the medications.
- ! The Washington Institute for Public Policy is required to conduct an evaluation of the proposals once implemented and report outcomes to the Legislature in January 2002.

HB 2684: CLARIFYING WHAT RECORDS ARE AVAILABLE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES

Prime Sponsor: Representative D. Sommers

(SB 6438 Senator Hargrove)

- ! An exception to federal confidentiality laws for education records is added to statute, and the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) is required to add education records as information provided in the passport for foster children.
- ! DSHS must hold harmless a provider who releases records to the department.

HB 2750: INCLUDING PREVENTION FOR POTENTIAL VICTIMS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT AS A CORE TREATMENT SERVICE FOR VICTIMS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT

Prime Sponsor: Representative D. Schmidt

(SB 6703 Senator Costa)

- ! The Washington State Victims of Sexual Assault Act of 1979 (Act) requires the state to provide services for sexual assault victims and potential victims. Services under the Act are divided into two categories: core and specialized.
- ! "Prevention" education is redefined as a core service, making federal funds available to ensure that prevention education services are accessible to all communities.

HB 2807: AUTHORIZING BLENDED FUNDING PROJECTS FOR YOUTH

Prime Sponsor: Representative Kagi

- ! The Department of Social and Health Services is authorized to facilitate the development of blended funding projects.
- ! The public health and safety networks as well as the family policy council must be involved in the process.

HB 2853: CONFORMING THE ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR THE BLIND WITH THE FEDERAL REHABILITATION ACT

Prime Sponsor: Representative Wolfe

- ! Current law is amended to reflect changes required by the 1998 federal amendments to the Rehabilitation Act.
- ! The advisory council is renamed the rehabilitation council. Council membership is expanded, membership term limits are adjusted, and the council's duties and responsibilities are broadened.

SHB 2899: DEVELOPING A WORKPLACE SAFETY PLAN FOR STATE HOSPITALS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Conway

(SB 6682 Senator Costa)

- ! State hospitals must perform a safety assessment and develop a workplace safety plan to reduce incidents of workplace violence by November 1, 2000, and implement it by January 1, 2001.
- ! Prior to assignment to a patient unit, state hospitals must provide employees with workplace safety training in addition to other training.
- ! Beginning July 1, 2000, state hospitals must keep records on incidents of violent acts and maintain the records for five years.
- ! The Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) must report on the development of the safety plan and provide a copy to the Legislature. Following implementation, DSHS must provide an annual report on its efforts.

SHB 2912: REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES (DSHS)

**TO MAINTAIN RECORDS ON CHILDREN IN STATE CUSTODY WHO ARE USING
PSYCHIATRIC MEDICATIONS**

Prime Sponsor: Representative Boldt

- !** DSHS must report by December 15, 2000, on children in out-of-home care for more than 90 days in fiscal year 1999 who are receiving psychotropic medications or other medication to control behavior.